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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Maryam Monshipouri

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-20, 22-24 and 27-30 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 21, 25, 26 and 31 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ |
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Applicant's response to restriction requirement filed 1/27/2007 is acknowledged. Applicant elected Group XII (claims 21, 25, 26 and 31) with traverse. Claims 1-20, 22-24, 27-30 are hereby withdrawn as drawn to non-elected invention.

In traversal of restriction held between Groups V and XII, applicant points out that polypeptide and DNA claims should be linkable as indicated in PCT international search and examination guidelines, Part III. chapter 10, which teaches that said products share corresponding technical feature and accordingly unity of invention is present between Groups V and XII of this application.

This argument was fully considered but was found **unpersuasive** because the examiner respectfully disagrees with applicant that said PCT international search guidelines require that in every case DNA and its expression product share a common special technical feature and should be examined together. In the instant case, as mentioned previously, the special technical feature of Group V is a polypeptide with entirely different structure and function than the special technical feature of Group XII, which is DNA. Each of said special technical features is capable of being made or used independently of each other and therefore the examiner maintains that restriction as indicated previously, between Groups V and XII, is in compliance with Patent Rule section 1.475, is still proper and is hereby made **Final**.

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 21, 25-26 and 31 are under examination on the merits.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

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Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claims 21, 25-26 and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Said claims read on wild type fluorescent protein from sea anemone (*Tracyphyllia geoffroyi*) which is a product of nature and is therefore unpatentable. Applicant may overcome this rejection by recitation of the term "isolated" or "purified" at the beginning of claim 21. Claims 25-26 and 31 are merely rejected from depending from base claim 21.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

Claims 21, 25, 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Ando et al. (PNAS USA, 99(20), 12651-6m, 2002). It is noted that applicant has claimed foreign priority. However, applicant cannot rely upon the foreign priority papers to overcome this rejection because a translation of said papers has not been made of record in accordance with 37 CFR 1.55. See MPEP § 201.15. In view of the absence of certified translation of foreign priority documents Ando teaches a DNA sequence encoding SEQ ID NO:6 of this invention, anticipating claim 21. Ando also teaches vectors and host cells comprising said products, activating claims 25-26.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section

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351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 21, 25-26 and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Falkowski et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,933,375, issued 8/2005). Falkowski teaches a DNA sequence (see its SEQ ID NO:1 in the attached sequence alignment) encoding an amino acid sequence comprising a deletion, substitution and/or addition of several amino acids with respect to SEQ ID NO:5, wherein said amino acid sequence is a fluorescent protein, anticipating claim 21 (b) and (d). Falkowski also claims vectors and host cells comprising said DNA sequence, anticipating claims 25-26. In column 3, Falkowski teaches about kits comprising its DNA sequence, anticipating claim 31.

Double Patenting

The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. A nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection is appropriate where the conflicting claims are not identical, but at least one examined application claim is not patentably distinct from the reference claim(s) because the examined application claim is either anticipated by, or would have been obvious over, the reference claim(s). See, e.g., *In re Berg*, 140 F.3d 1428, 46 USPQ2d 1226 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) or 1.321(d) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent either is shown to be commonly owned with this application, or claims an invention made as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of a joint research agreement.

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

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Claim 21 is provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 5 and 8 of copending U.S.

Application No. 10/581,551 (cited in the IDS). Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the scope of claims 5 and 8 in said application embrace the scope of claim 21 of this invention.

This is a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection because the conflicting claims have not in fact been patented.

Claim 21 is provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 17-19 of copending U.S.

Application No. 10/581,041 (cited in the IDS). Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the scope of claims 17-19 in said application embrace the scope of claim 21 of this invention.

This is a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection because the conflicting claims have not in fact been patented.

No claim is allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Maryam Monshipouri whose telephone number is (571) 272-0932. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00 a.m to 5:30 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kathleene Kerr Bragdon can be reached on (571) 272-0931. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Primary Examiner

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RESULT 2

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; Sequence 7, Application US/09459956

; Patent No. 6342379

; GENERAL INFORMATION:

; APPLICANT: Tsien, Roger Y.

; APPLICANT: Gonzalez, III, Jesus E.

; TITLE OF INVENTION: DETECTION OF TRANSMEMBRANE POTENTIALS BY

; TITLE OF INVENTION: OPTICAL METHODS

; FILE REFERENCE: REGEN1290-4

; CURRENT APPLICATION NUMBER: US/09/459.956

; CURRENT FILING DATE: 1999-12-13

; PRIOR APPLICATION NUMBER: 08/765,860

; PRIOR FILING DATE: 1999-05-08

; PRIOR APPLICATION NUMBER: 08/481,977

; PRIOR FILING DATE: 1995-06-07

; PRIOR APPLICATION NUMBER: PCT/US96/09652

; PRIOR FILING DATE: 1996-06-06

; NUMBER OF SEQ ID NOS: 22

; SOFTWARE: FastSEQ for Windows Version 4.0

; SEQ ID NO 7

; LENGTH: 801

; TYPE: DNA

; ORGANISM: Clavularia sp

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